

LOCAL NEWS.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 27.

MR. SCHARF'S READINGS.—Mr. Scharf concluded his readings, at the Assembly Rooms, last night, before the largest audience that has yet greeted him in this city. The room was crowded, and many had to stand during the reading, yet the strictest order was observed, and all manifested their tall appreciation of the eminent talents of the distinguished reader. His selections were Charles the II., or the Merry Monarch; the Critic; and one of Mrs. Caudle's Curious Lectures, and in nothing did the eloquent fall below the anticipations of his auditors. His delineation of the various characters was most excellent, and never failed to produce a most happy effect upon his hearers. The pleasant evening spent in hearing Mr. Scharf, read will be cherished with a lively interest by all who heard him, and we but express a general desire that he may soon again visit our city.

At the conclusion of the reading, and much to the astonishment of reader and audience, a party of masqueraders, who had been on a visit to some of their friends, gained access to the room, rushed upon the stage, and by their comic appearance and strange gestures, for a few moments kept the crowd in a roar of laughter. This little episode concluded a most pleasant evening.

CANAL NAVIGATION.—In consequence of the inclement weather that has of late been prevailing, the work of cleaning the Georgetown level of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, has been seriously retarded, and it is now thought that that portion of the canal will not be ready for the reception of water until Tuesday or Wednesday next, instead of on to-morrow, as previously contemplated. It is said that there is a fleet of loaded boats lying at the upper end of the Georgetown level, awaiting the letting in of the water, and that the whole of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, above the Georgetown level is in excellent navigable condition.

MASQUED BALL.—The masked ball of the Temperance Society, the last night, at the Lyceum Hall, was a grand affair. The attendance was numerous, the masquers excellently disguised, and everything passed off to the entire satisfaction of all who were present. Among the most observed and admired masquers were those who represented Queen Elizabeth, the Bohemian Girl, the Queen of Night, Snow Flake, Young Man from the Country, Saucy Sam and Paul Pry.

THIRD WARD RADICALS.—A meeting of the Radical Republican club of the Third Ward was held last night in the new colored school house, on Alfred street, between Princess and Oronoco, E. E. White, white, the President of the club, in the chair. No business of importance was transacted, and after the reading of a letter from a member of the party in Alabama, the meeting adjourned.

C. & O. CANAL.—We announced yesterday by telegraph dispatch that a special meeting of the directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, held in Annapolis, the board reduced the tolls on coal from Cumberland to Georgetown from sixty-nine cents to forty-six cents per ton. Mr. Benjamin Fawcett, of Montgomery county, was elected secretary and treasurer of the company.

MERCHANTS' LICENSES.—The Mayor has issued orders to his police force to arrest on and after the 1st of April, next Wednesday, all merchants who may have neglected at that date to procure their proper and legal licenses. After that date merchants who have no license will be fined \$5 per day, for each day their stores are open.

THE BRIBERY CASE.—The Hawhurst letter, which has afforded subject matter for considerable comment in other quarters, and which was the occasion of another "scene" in the Virginia Reconstruction Convention on Wednesday last, was read with but little interest in this city, where both the parties at issue reside and are well known.

PROPERTY SALE.—Mason's Neck, a portion of the old Gunston estate, a few miles below this city, has been sold by Mr. Millan, its late owner, to Col. Edward Daniels, of Chicago, for \$20,000. It is the intention of the new proprietor to carry on extensive farming operations.

SHAD.—The arrivals of shad at Fishtown continue light, and are confined almost entirely to those caught by the gillers. There have, however, been arrivals from the shores at Fowke's, The Gunns, and Windmill Point. Sales were made this morning at \$30 per hundred.

FISH.—Shad were selling at the market house, this morning at from 75 cts. to \$1 per pair. Some of them were fine and large. White perch \$3.40 cts. per bunch. But few herrings are yet on the fish benches. Abundance of catfish, pike, and yellow perch.

LIQUOR LICENSES.—All the Magistrates have been summoned to attend the next term of the County Court for this county, which commences on Monday, the 6th proximo, to consider the applications for licenses to sell liquor, and to keep ordinaries.

CHARITY.—Among the acknowledgments of receipts, in Baltimore, in aid of the Orphan's Home of Mississippi is—"From a lady in Alexandria, Va., \$20."

RAINY.—disagreeable weather still continues, which interferes considerably with business and the markets. All kinds of gardening are, also, delayed.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Several communications and selections are on file for insertion next week.

POLICE REPORT.—G. Peach, for an assault on Theodore Teed, was in default of security in the sum of \$200 to keep the peace for twelve months, committed to jail.

MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.—Wm. Bryan, colored, for buying a speckled hen from Bill Claggett, a colored boy, who had stolen the hen from his mother, Rachel Claggett, was discharged upon a promise to return the hen. A claim was made for the eggs laid by the hen since her abduction, but was overruled.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—The water has been let in the canal about fourteen miles above Georgetown, and (as heretofore stated) it is expected that it will be let in the Georgetown level to-morrow.

The church difficulties which threatened to embroil the peace of the Methodist Protestant congregation in Georgetown have been amicably adjusted, and the new pastor, the Rev. J. W. Bates, has entered on his duties.

The Washington Chronicle says that the sales of lottery tickets in Washington and Georgetown are much greater than is generally believed, and it is probable that there are at this time not less than thirty lottery offices in operation. These are nothing less than public swindlers.

COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, March 27, 1868.

FLOUR, Superfine	\$11.00	@ 11.25
Extra	10.75	@ 11.25
Family	10.50	@ 11.00
Good	10.25	@ 10.75
WHEAT, White, prime	2.65	@ 2.75
Good	2.40	@ 2.60
Good, prime	2.30	@ 2.40
CORN, White	1.08	@ 1.09
Mixed	1.08	@ 1.09
Yellow	1.09	@ 1.10
CORN MEAL	1.10	@ 1.12
OATS	0.77	@ 0.78
RYE	1.00	@ 1.01
DRIED BEANS, per 100	0.00	@ 11.00
APPLES, Dried, per 100	0.00	@ 11.00
Green per bbl.	2.50	@ 4.00
IRISH POTATOES	1.00	@ 1.50
SEED, Flax	2.30	@ 2.50
Timothy	3.00	@ 3.50
Clover	1.00	@ 1.50
SUMAC, 100 lbs.	0.00	@ 1.00
PLASTER, Cast, per ton	9.00	@ 10.00
Ground	11.00	@ 12.00
in bags	10.00	@ 11.00
Lump	6.50	@ 7.00
SALT, Ground Alum	2.20	@ 2.25
Liverpool fine	3.10	@ 3.25
Turkey Island, from store	0.00	@ 0.24
WOOL, Common Unwashed	0.22	@ 0.24
Washed	0.33	@ 0.38
Pleece, washed	0.28	@ 0.30
Merino, unwashed	0.40	@ 0.45
Butter, prime	0.60	@ 0.64
Common to middling	0.25	@ 0.30
EGGS	0.22	@ 0.24
BEANS, White	3.75	@ 4.00
BACON, Hams, prime country	0.18	@ 0.20
Sides	0.14	@ 0.15
Shoulders	0.11	@ 0.12
LARD	0.18	@ 0.20
HAY, per ton, from the cars	16.00	@ 16.00
WHISKY	2.05	@ 6.00

REMARKS.—The market closes with some activity, and notwithstanding the inclement weather which has prevailed for the past few days, business shows signs of improvement. Flour has been firm, but the transactions are limited. Wheat has been in fair request for good quality, and prices have been well sustained. The offerings have been limited, and the sales to-day were of small lots, medium grades, at 268. In Corn there has been some improvement since the opening of the week, and the market closes firm, with sales of 2000 bushels mixed at 108 for the bulk, and 109 for some small lots; one lot of yellow sold at 100, but for larger quantities higher figures could be obtained. Rye has been in fair request, with sales of 300 bushels Oats at 78. Small sales of Flaxseed at \$2.50. Flour in fair request. Butter continues very firm, with a limited supply. Eggs have advanced a little, but the supply is fair. Bacon firm. Lard active. Dried Fruit in request. Potatoes active.

BALTIMORE MARKET, March 26.—Grain.—Wheat has been in moderate receipt, and with fair milling demand prices rule steady for all grades. Corn has been arriving quite freely, and with better demand the market is somewhat improved, the inferior grades were unchanged. Prices to-day ranged as follows: inferior white, and extra 78c per lb. gross.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, March 26.—Beef Cattle.—Prices to-day ranged as follows: Old Cows and Steers at 4.50c; ordinary Steers, Oxen and Cows 5.50c; fair quality Beaves 6.50c, and the very best Beaves 8.50c to 100 lbs, the average price being about \$6.75 gross. The market was dull to-day, most of the Cattle having been sold yesterday, but there is no change from the rates of last week. Sheep.—The market has been well supplied during the past week, and with a good demand, especially for extra fair Sheep, for which prices improved, the inferior grades were unchanged. Prices to-day ranged as follows: inferior white, and extra 78c per lb. gross.

Hogs.—The market has been dull during the past week, owing to a better supply, though the quotations of last week have been sustained. Prices to-day ranged as follows: fair to good live Hogs 12c to 15c per 100 lbs net.

Gold.—New York, March 27.—Gold to-day 138 1/2.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

In execution of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, rendered at the June term, 1867, in the suit of Turner Dixon's Administrators vs. Austin L. Adams, I will sell, at public auction, in front of the Court House of Fairfax county, on MONDAY, the 18th day of May next, Court day, a TRACT OF LAND, in the said county of Fairfax, upon which the said Austin L. Adams formerly lived, situated upon the Columbian Turnpike, and adjoining the lands of Jerry L. Page, (now Gordon's) Caleb Reed and Doctor Barcroft, containing FIFTY TWO ACRES.

One-third of the purchase-money to be paid in cash at the time of sale; the residue in two equal payments, at 6 and 12 months, the deferred payments to bear interest, and to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, with approved security, and a retention of the title until said payments are made. The costs of all deeds, including revenue stamps, &c., to be borne by the purchaser.

LAWRENCE B. TAYLOR, Comm'r.

FAIRFAX CO., MAR 27—eots

CAROLINA RICE.—1 cask Carolina Rice received this day for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

MAR 27

HHD. BACON, SHOULDERS, MIDDINGS,

and Breakfast Pieces, received this day for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

MAR 27

NAVY BEANS, Dried Peaches, Pears and

Apples, received for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

MAR 27

FLOUR.—Choice brands of Family and Extra

Flour, for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

MAR 27

PURE GROUND SPIES.—BROOKES & TAYLOR,

106, Prince street.

MAR 27

PICKLES! PICKLES! PICKLES!

2000 Cucumbers Pickled

BROOKES & TAYLOR,

106, Prince street.

MAR 27

FLOUR.—Family, Extra and Superfine.

BROOKES & TAYLOR,

106, Prince street.

MAR 27

IRISH POTATOES.—BROOKES & TAYLOR,

106, Prince street.

MAR 27

BUTTER, LARD, Sugar-cured Hams, do

Shoulders.

BROOKES & TAYLOR.

MAR 27

TO THE LADIES.

We have just received a fresh supply of

JULIUS DIENKIL,

120, King street.

MAR 10—1m

AUCTION SALES.

By J. H. Parrott, Auctioneer.

TRUST SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT,

In pursuance of a deed of trust from Alexander Baggett and wife to me, dated 7th of June, 1864, I shall offer for sale, by auction, in front of the premises, on TUESDAY, the 31st day of March next, at 11 o'clock a. m., a PIECE OF GROUND, in the city of Alexandria, situated on the south side of King street, 43 feet 6 inches wide, 3 feet 6 inches deep, and running back 17 feet 3 inches, and extending southerly, with the same width throughout, 100 feet, to an alley 10 feet wide, with the use of said alley.

This property is improved by substantial and commodious BRICK BUILDINGS.

TERMS—Made known at sale.

feb 20—eots R. JOHNSTON, Trustee.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF A VALUABLE

AND MOST ELIGIBLE FARM, IN

CULPEPER COUNTY, WITHIN A FEW

MILES OF BRANDY STATION AND CUL-

PEPER C. H., VIRGINIA.

By virtue of a deed of trust, executed by John Taylor and one to the undersigned, as Trustee, dated on February 11, 1861, and duly recorded in Culpeper County Court, being thereto required by the beneficiary, and with the consent of the parties interested, I shall proceed to sell, at public auction, on the premises, to the highest bidder, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of April, 1868, at 11 o'clock a. m., the property conveyed in said deed, being a certain TRACT OF LAND, in the county of Culpeper, Virginia, containing SEVEN HUNDRED ACRES, the same that was bought by John Taylor, esq., of Jeremiah Mason, esq., and the larger portion of the very valuable farm known as "STILL MORE," formerly owned by John Taylor, esq., and at present occupied by Messrs. John F. Lewis, M. Blackburn, James W. Crawford and Francis M. Young.

This very desirable estate lies in one of the most healthy and strategic portions of Virginia, with about six miles of Brandy Station, and about the same distance from Culpeper C. H., on the O. & A. R. R., and in a fine and delightful neighborhood. The land is highly adapted for agricultural or grazing purposes—its improvements consist of a COMMODIOUS DWELLING, with other buildings, all of them substantial and in good condition. It is rare that so eligible a farm is offered in market, and the attention of capitalists or parties desiring to settle in Virginia is called to this favorable opportunity for investment. The debt secured by the deed is \$8,000, with interest thereon from February 11, 1861, to the day of sale, and the deed requires the sale to be for cash sufficient to pay the same; but by an agreement between the parties, the sale will be only for cash sufficient to defray the expense of sale, and to discharge the arrears of interest due up to February 11, 1868, on the bond secured, amounting to \$2,176, and for the remainder of the debt, secured on a credit of one, two, three and four years, in equal instalments, the purchaser giving his negotiable notes, satisfactorily endorsed, with interest added, and secured upon the deed of trust, the residue will be upon terms which will be announced at the day of sale. The purchaser to pay taxes for 1868.

JAS. PLEASANTS, Trustee.

Culpeper co., mar 25—eots

FOR SALE AND RENT.

FOR RENT.

THE BRICK STORE AND DWELLING, on King street, between Fayette and Payne streets, in which the late Dr. B. R. B. STORE, at the S. E. corner of Fairfax and Queen, in a direct line with the Canal Basin, Enquire of L. D. HARRISON, No. 18, North Royal street.

MAR 24—3t

FOR SALE.

FOUR TWO-STORY BRICK HOUSES, situated on the west side of Columbus street, between Pendleton and Oronoco sts., known as part of the factory row, Nos. 120, 122 and 124—Also, the vacant lot, between Columbus and Oronoco streets, and above with the same to the middle of the square. For further particulars apply to WM. H. FOWLE, Trustee; or CHAS. S. TAYLOR.

MAR 23—eotw

FOR RENT.

THE STORE-ROOM AND BRICK BACK BUILDING, at the southwest corner of King and Pitt streets—a first-rate stand for business. Also, the FRAME BUILDING, on Pitt street, between the above, formerly occupied as a stable, 41 feet front, 72 feet deep—a good storage warehouse. Also, a VACANT LOT, on the west side of Union st., opposite the fish wharf, 50 feet front, by 160 feet deep. Apply to mh 21—eotw R. H. MILLER, 67, King st.

FOR RENT.

THE STORE, No. 88, South King st., occupied at present by Mr. E. S. Fleming, as a warehouse, and also a small lot, on April. For terms apply at 107, CAMERON ST.

DESIRABLE PROPERTY

FOR SALE LOW.

A two-story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE and LOT OF GROUND, on the east side of Water street, between King and Prince streets, the residence of the late George Snyder. The lot has a front of 44 feet 11 inches on Water st., and a depth of 72 feet.

TWO ADJOINING HOUSES, Nos. 45 and 47, on the west side of Water street, 22 feet 6 in. north of Duke street. The lots front on Water street 184 feet each, and run back 63 feet 5 in. Apply to W. C. YEATON, Attorney for owner. ang 2—eots

WANTED TO RENT OR PURCHASE

a small DWELLING HOUSE, in this place. Address Box 149. mh 9—4t

SPLENDID PROPERTY FOR SALE.

THE ROSE HILL ESTATE, the property of the late Maynard Mason, four and a half miles from Alexandria, containing THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES, with fine improvements, consisting of Mansion House, Barns, Stables, Granary, Servants' Houses, &c. The grounds are beautifully laid off, and the view the most extensive known. The land is in the highest state of cultivation. Three Orchards of choice fruit on it, making it, in all, the most desirable property in market.

TERMS—One-third cash, and the residue in six, twelve and eighteen months. Possession given immediately. For particulars, inquire of L. B. TAYLOR, Attorney at Law, Alexandria, Va., or of the undersigned at Haymarket, Prince William co., Va.

R. F. MASON, Executor.

FAIRFAX CO., MAR 4—eotf

ASSEMBLY ROOMS.

THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS have just been fitted up and are now for rent for LECTURES, CONCERTS, FAIRS, &c. Apply to WITMER & SLAYMAKER.

feb 15—4t

JOHN W. GREEN.

PETER WISE.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

We have formed a co-partnership, for the purpose of conducting the REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE, AND GENERAL AGENCY BUSINESS, and beg leave to call the attention of the public to the location of our office, at No. 23, MANSION HOUSE BUILDING, Alexandria, Va.

MAR 25

WILLIAM MURRAY,

MERCHANT TAILOR,

No. 7, NORTH FAIRFAX STREET,

Has just received his

SPRING AND SUMMER ASSORTMENT OF

CLOTHS,

CASSIMERES,

AND VESTINGS.

He invites his friends and customers to call and examine his stock.

MAR 26—4t

PAINTS AND COLORS.

We have just received a large and complete stock of J. T. Lewis & Co.'s Paints and Colors, both dry and ground in oil, consisting in part of Burnt and Raw Umber, Burnt and Raw Sienna, Chrome Yellow, Chrome Green, Lamp Black, Vermilion, Venetian Red and Yellow Ochre. Also, Spirits Turpentine, Patent Dye and Litharge, all of which we offer at the lowest rates.

JANNEY & CO.

MAR 26

36 DOZ. BOXES COFFEE EXTRACT

received to-day and for sale by

J. C. MILBURN.

MAR 24

AUCTION SALES.

By John H. Parrott, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF VALUABLE

PROPERTY,

IN THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA.

Will be sold, at public auction, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of April, 1868, in front of the Mayor's office, a LOT OF GROUND, on the east side of Royal street, between King and Cameron, adjoining a COGNAC, fronting on Royal street 18 feet 8 inches, and running back 77 ft. 6 inches, with a court 8 by 5 feet, cut off the northeast corner of the lot, on which is a good two-story BRICK DWELLING, with a two-story TRACT OF GROUND, adjoining on the north side of said lot, 174 inches front, and running back the whole depth of said lot.

Also, 5-16 of an undivided lot of ground, on the east side of St. Asaph street, situated between Prince and Duke streets.

Also, a LOT to the north of said lot, eleven feet front and running back 73 feet 5 inches.

TERMS—One-tenth cash; the residue in 3 equal payments, at 6, 12 and 18 months from the day of sale, with interest; the title to be retained until the deferred payments are made.

Surviving Ex'r. of Jno. McKnight, dec'd.

mar 19—eots

By J. H. Parrott, Auctioneer.

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned, as substituted Trustee, under authority of deeds of trust to L. L. Kinzer, one dated October 25, 1860, recorded in Liber U, No. 3, page 487, and one October 24, 1860, recorded in Liber U, No. 3, page 447, of the Land Records of Alexandria county, will proceed to sell, at public auction, in front of the Mayor's office, at 11 o'clock a. m., on TUESDAY, the 31st day of March, 1868, the following property, known as:

1. The three-story BRICK BUILDING,

covered with tin, No. 76, King st., fronting on King street, thirty feet wide and running back twenty feet, with a side yard running to a twenty feet alley, with the right of way over said alley, subject to a ground rent of one hundred and seventeen dollars and eighty-three cents, or thereabout, and to a prior lien of four thousand dollars, this last lien in favor of Mrs. Mary A. Hunter, to that portion which has been allotted her, and includes the Dwelling House. Her right can be bought on reasonable terms.

2. The two-story BRICK DWELLING

HOUSE and LOT OF GROUND, No. 79, Prince street, fronting on Prince street twenty feet, and running back northwesterly one hundred feet, subject to a prior lien in favor of the Mechanical Building Association, for seven hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty-four cents, with interest from July 1, 1860.

THE TERMS OF SALE will be as follows:—As to No. 1, one-third of the purchase money in cash, and the remainder in equal instalments at three, six, nine and twelve months, with interest from the day of sale, and secured by the notes of the purchaser, and a retention of the title until the last payment is made. Stamps and expenses of